ing resources in various regions of the country.

(2) Revised Cost Estimates for the ongoing transmission system project associated with Kathalguri (Assam) Gas based Power Project (280 MW) amounting to Rs. 681.19 crores (including Interest During Construction of Rs. 16.03 crores). The transmission would also provide an inter-regional link to facilitate exchange of power between the North-Eastern and Eastern Regions.

Delay in Power Projects

127. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the Times of India of 1st February, 1995 under the caption "Delay in Power Projects worries plan panel"; and

(b) if so, what is Government reaction in respect thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. To prevent delay in implementation of power projects, periodical review meetings are held in the Ministry of Power to identify the critical areas in the case of each project. Such meetings are also attended by the officers of the Central Electricity Authority to sort out the problems from technical angles and to remove bottlenecks on a priority basis so as to speed up the activities for completion of the projects on time.

Insurance cover for investment by USA in power sector

128. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that USA has suggested the idea of Insurance Cover" as an alternative to secure its investment, if any, in power sector in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Power generation from lignite in Tamil Nadu

129. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to generate power in Jeyangondam area is Tamil Nadu, utilising the lignite available there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a German Company has withdrawn their approval given previously to join in the Project; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Electrification of villages in Uttar Pradesh

130. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey in connection with